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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF REPORTED STATEMENT BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

1. UNDER BANNER HEADLINE "SANDINISTAS PROVOKED VIOLENCE, TODMAN SAYS," THE SOMOZA FAMILY NEWSPAPER NOVEDADES PUBLISHED FEB. 15 A UPI STORY DATED THE SAME DAY REPORTING STATEMENTS ON NICARAGUA BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN AT THE CENTER FOR INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN NEW YORK. THE STORY QUOTED MR. TODMAN AS SAYING "DIREMOS QUE VAMOS A HACER CON RESPECTO A UN NUEVO REGIMEN CUANDO HAYA UN NUEVO REGIMEN, PER POR AHORA PUEDO DECIR QUE SI HAY UN SENTIDO DE REALIDAD HACE VER QUE LOS SANDINISTAS SON LOS QUE PIDIERON QUE SE FUERA A LAS ARMAS Y A LA VIOLENCIA Y NO CREEMOS QUE ESO SEA EN BIEN DEL INTERES DE NADIE.

"ANTES DE LA HUELGA Y ANTES DE LA MUERTE TRAGICA DE PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO, SOMOZA HABIA PROPUESTO UN DIALOGUE QUE EL MISMO CHAMORRO HABIA ACEPTADO, Y NO CREO QUE EL CRITERIO QUE EXISTIA ENTONES, CUANDO CHAMORRO FORMULO SU ACEPTACION FUERA MENOS REALISTA QUE EL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUE EXISTE AHORA. NO VEO QUE HAYA NADA QUE SE PUEDA HACER AHORA SALVO TRATAR DE CONSEQUIR QUE LAS PARTES OPUESTAS SE REUNAN Y HABLEN.
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2. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE UNION OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERATION (UDEL) PLANS TO CONDEMN MR. TODMAN'S STATEMENT AND THAT LA PRENSA INTENDS TO DENOUNCE IT EDITORIALY TOMORROW. APART FROM DESCRIBING THE GEN-

ERAL TENOR OF THE STATEMENT AS PRO-SOMOZA, UDEL SOURCES TOLD EMBOFF THAT IT CONTAINS UNTRUE STATEMENTS SUCH AS THAT SOMOZA HAD PROPOSED THE DIALOGUE OR THAT CHAMORRO HAD ACCEPTED IT.

3. COMMENT: UDEL IS RIGHT IN THAT SOMOZA DID NOT PROPOSE THE DIALOGUE. HE ONLY ACCEPTED IT UNDER PRESSURE (INCLUDING USG PRESSURE). CHAMORRO DID NOT AGREE TO GO TO A DIALOGUE WITH SOMOZA UNLESS SOMOZA MET A SERIES OF CONDITIONS, INCLUDING HIS RESIGNATION AS CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD; THESE CONDITIONS HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY SOMOZA WHEN CHAMORRO'S ASSASSINATION OCCURRED.

4. REQUEST TEXT OF TODMAN COMMENT (WHICH, ARTICLE INDICATES, WAS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION) AND ANY CLARIFICATION WHICH WE MAY USE HERE ASAP.
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